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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 11, 2015, David Haga and Alan Buzacott of Verizon met with Trent Harkrader, Jonathan Lechter, and Garnet Hanly of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Jonathan Chambers of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis; and Eric Feigenbaum of the Office of Media Relations to discuss potential changes to the Lifeline program.

We said that the administrative costs associated with the current system of carrier-administered Lifeline program eligibility verifications have been substantial. We explained that further changes to existing carrier-driven verification procedures, such as requiring carriers to retain eligibility documentation, would impose additional administrative burdens.

We also explained that, if the Commission seeks comment on extending the Lifeline program to cover broadband services, it should also seek comment on how to best meet the Commission's goal of minimizing the contribution burden on consumers and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Buzacott".

cc: Trent Harkrader
Jonathan Lechter
Garnet Hanly
Jonathan Chambers
Eric Feigenbaum